

# **Certification Qualification Flow Charts**

Use to help determine qualification for  
TCFP Basic  
and  
Higher Levels  
Of Certification

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## Calculating Years of Experience

Years of experience is credited to you based upon the length of time in which you have been appointed to fire protection duties while holding certification. Time in which you hold individual certification cannot be counted as years of experience. Additionally, time in which you may have been appointed to fire protection duties prior to actual certification cannot be counted.

For each higher level of certification for which you are applying, you will need a minimum of 4 years of experience at the previous level.

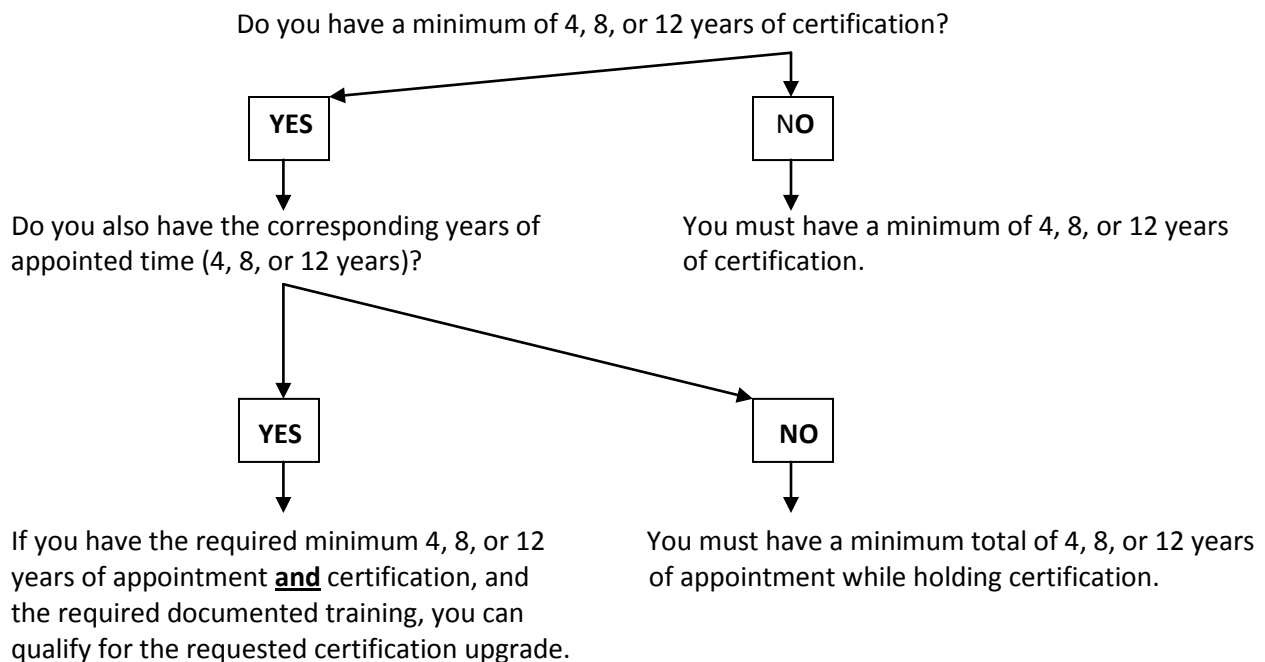
The required years of experience for higher certification levels are:

Intermediate: 4 years

Advanced: 8 years

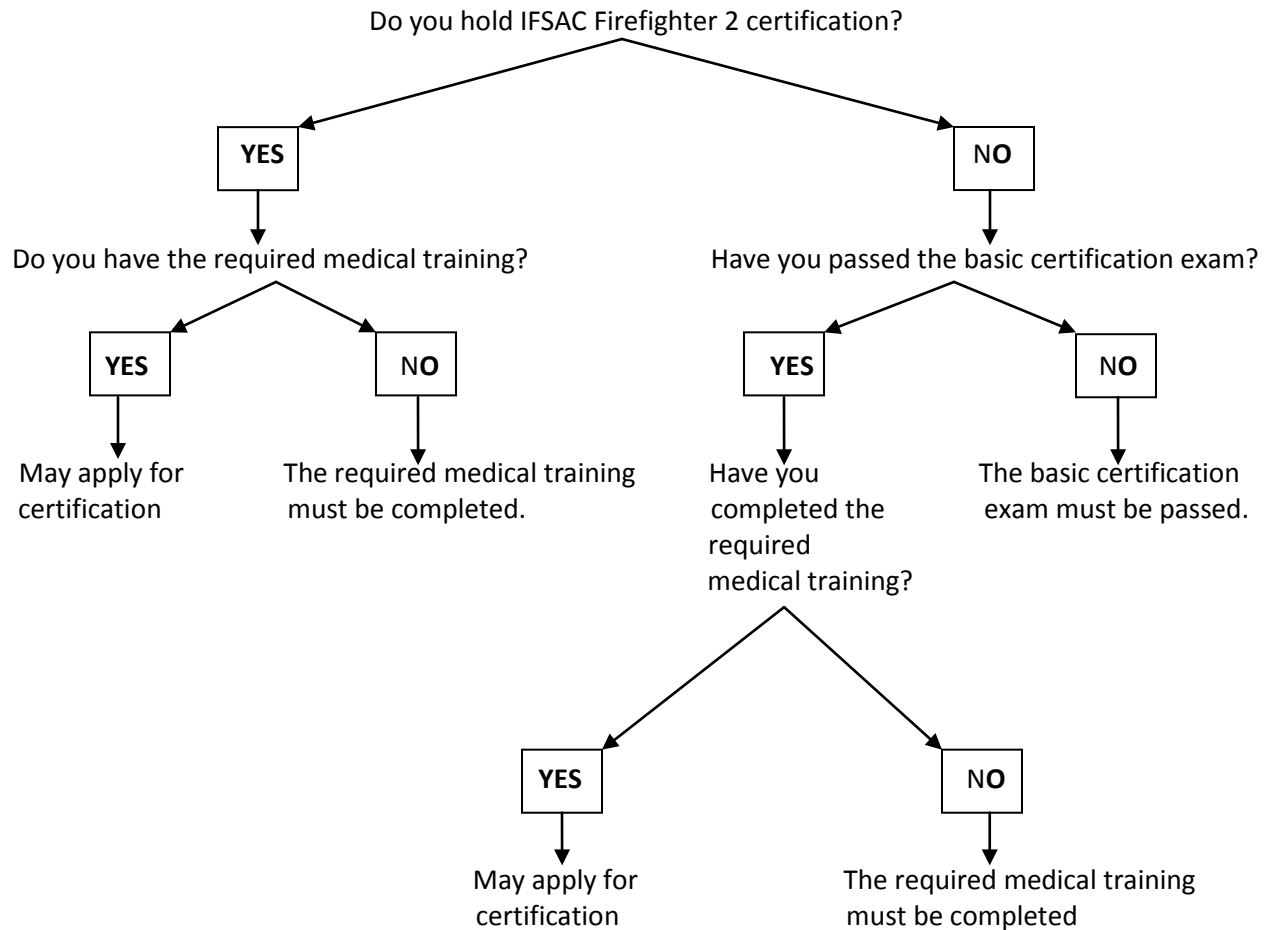
Master: 12 years

Refer to the commission's [Standards Manual](#) for the specific requirements of your certification.



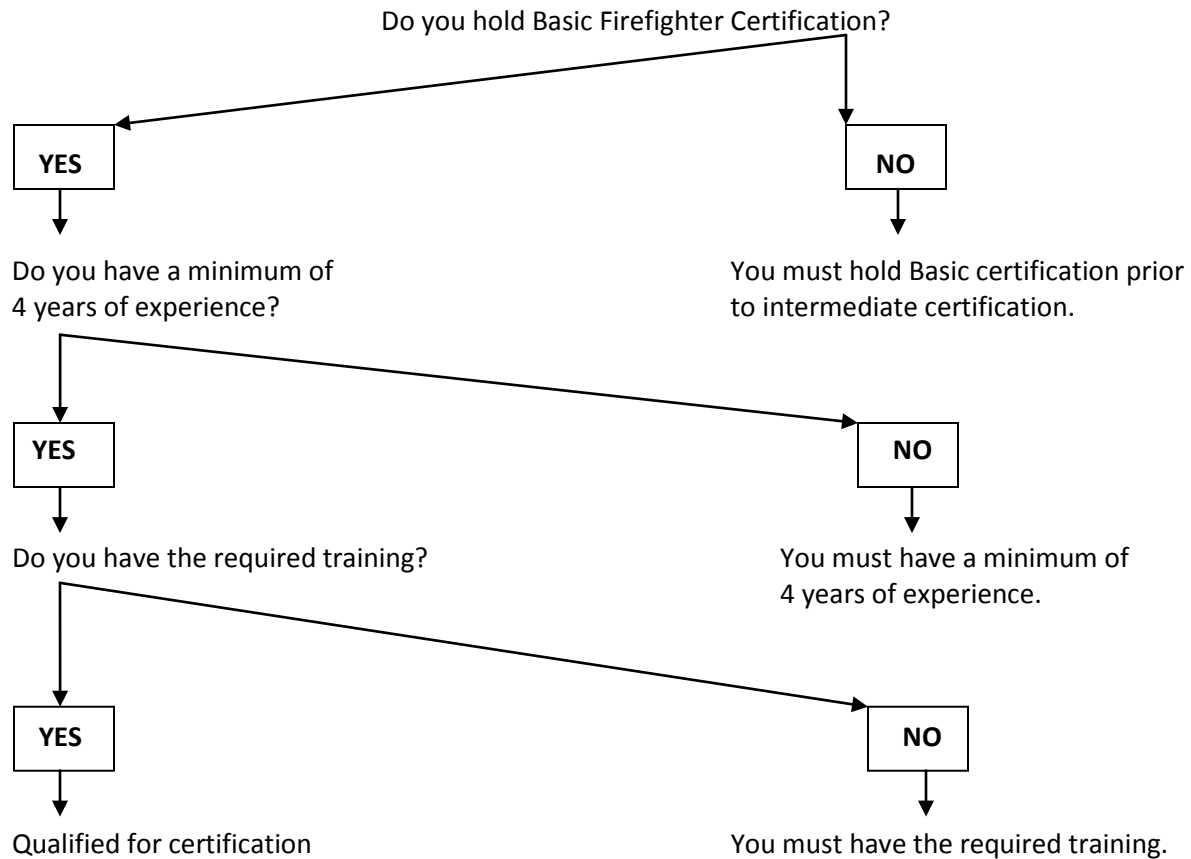
Certification Requirements for  
Structure/Aircraft/Marine Firefighter

Basic certification



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Certification Requirements for  
**Structure/Aircraft/Marine Firefighter**  
**Intermediate Certification**



**Required Training for Intermediate Certification**

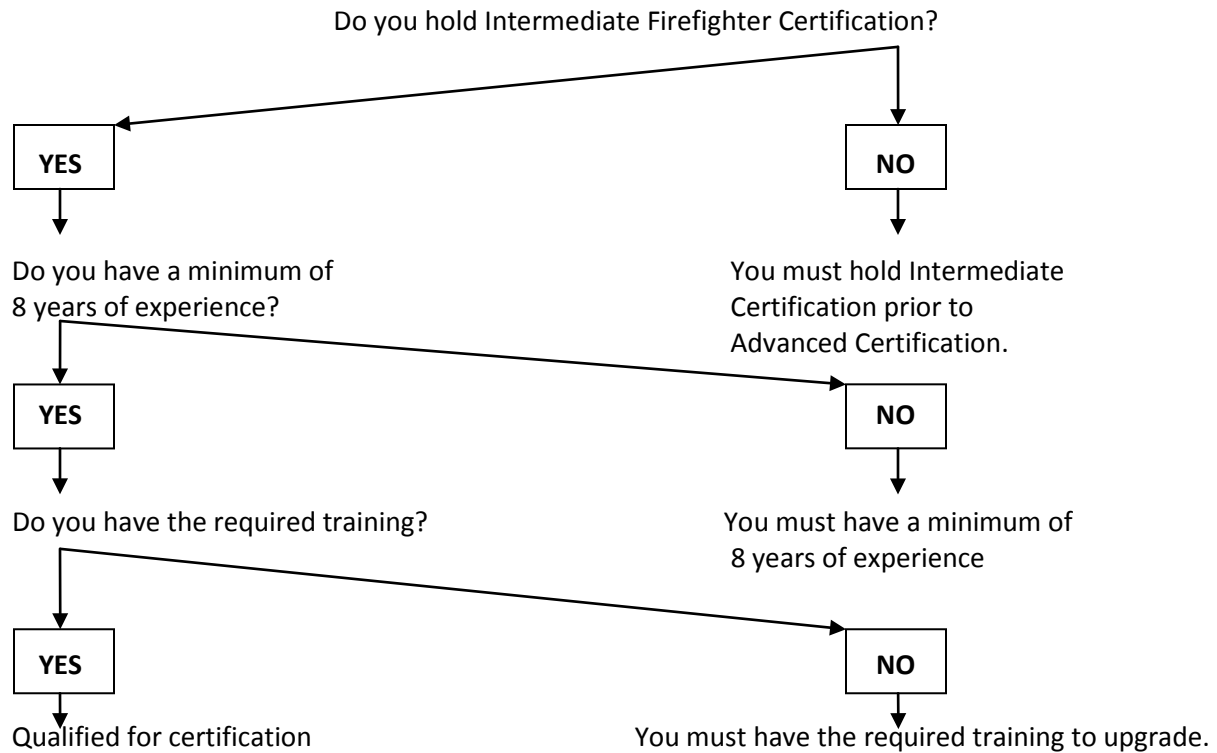
A list – 2 classes **or**  
B list – 8 classes **or**  
College – 6 semester hours of Fire Science **or**

**Combinations:**

1 A list class + 4 B list classes  
1 A list class + 3 semester hours of Fire Science  
4 B list classes + 3 semester hours of Fire Science

*Submitted training cannot have been used to obtain Basic certification.*

Certification Requirements for  
**Structure/Aircraft/Marine Firefighter**  
**Advanced Certification**



**Required Training for Advanced Certification**

A list – 2 classes **or**

B list – 8 classes **or**

College – 6 semester hours of Fire Science **or**

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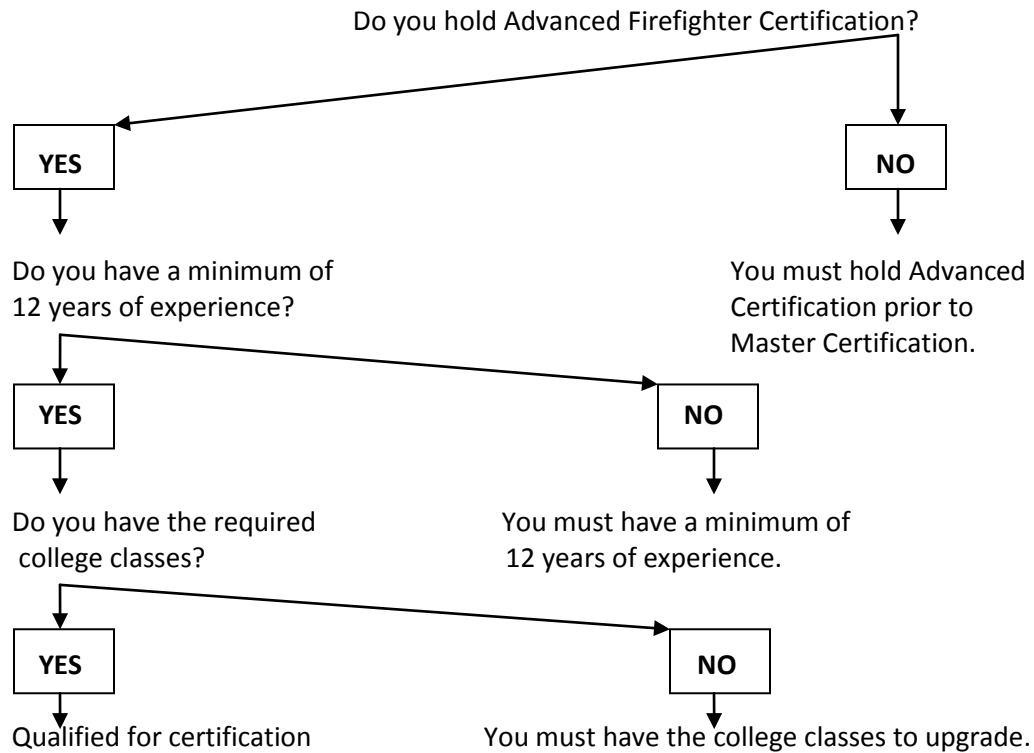
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Certification Requirements for  
**Structure/Aircraft/Marine Firefighter**  
**Master Certification**



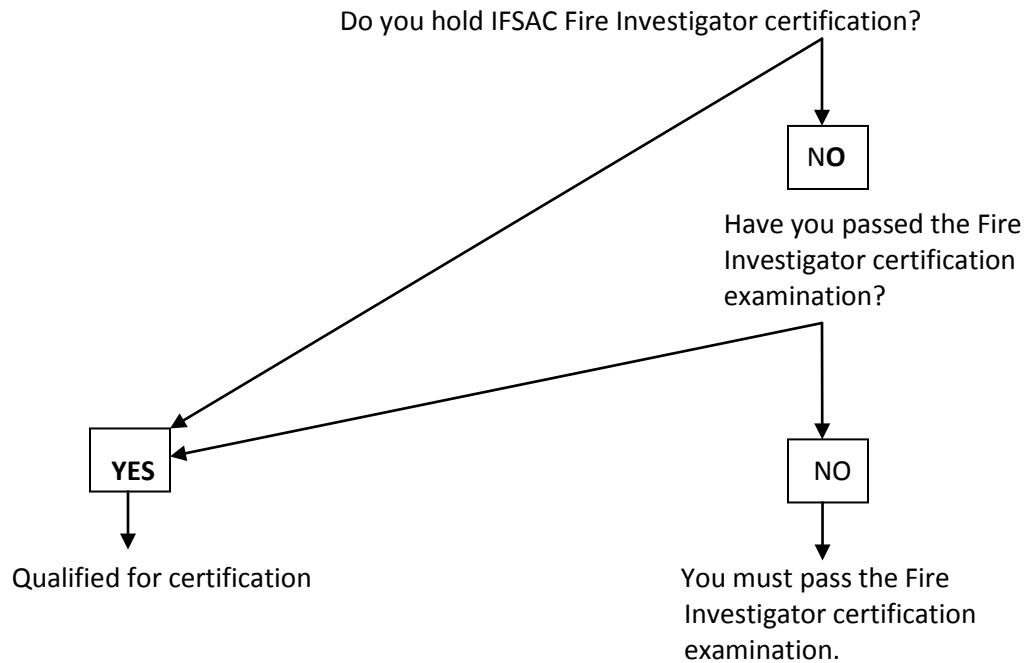
**Required College Training for Master Certification**

Minimum of 60 semester hours or an Associate Degree, which includes at least 18 semester hours in fire science subjects.

Certification Requirements for

**Fire Investigator**

**Basic certification**



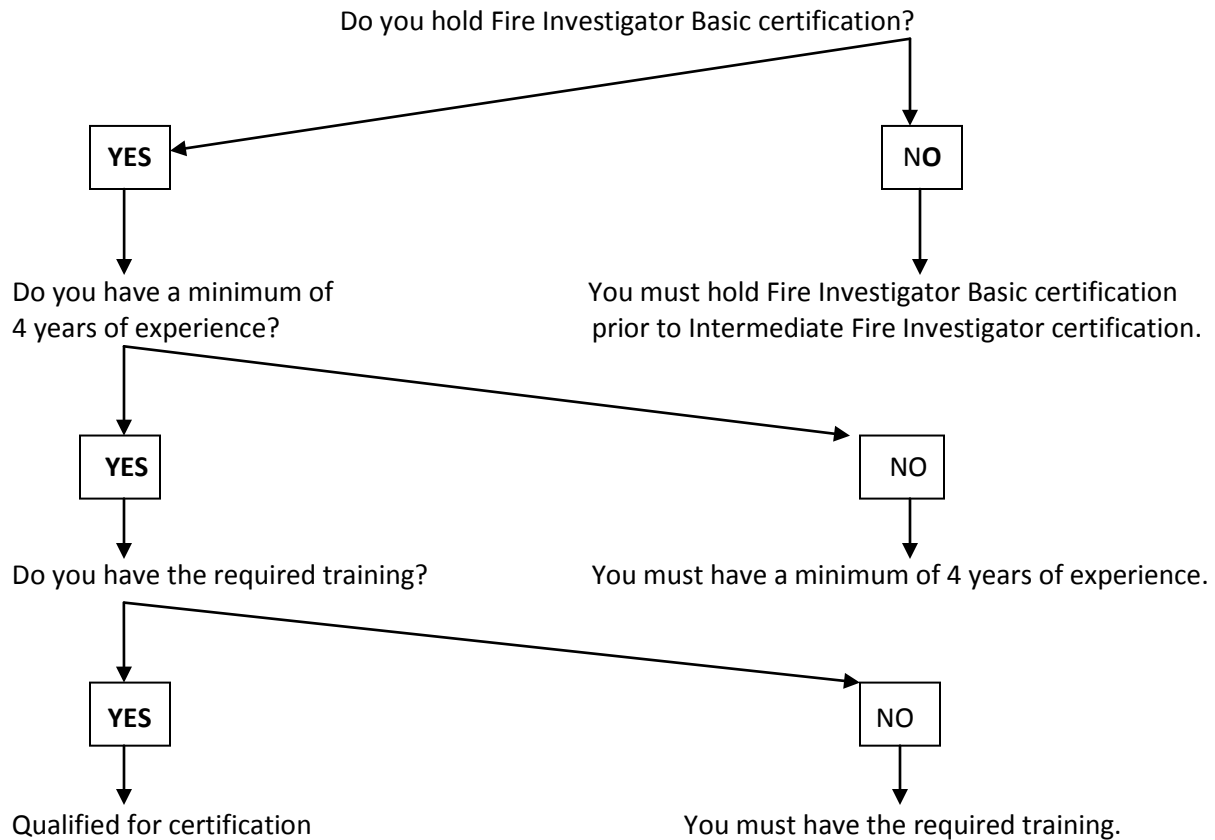
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Certification Requirements for

**Fire Investigator**

**Intermediate certification**



**Required Training for Intermediate Certification**

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B list – 8 classes **or**

College – 6 semester hours of Fire Science **or**

**Combinations:**

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1 A list class + 3 semester hours of Fire Science

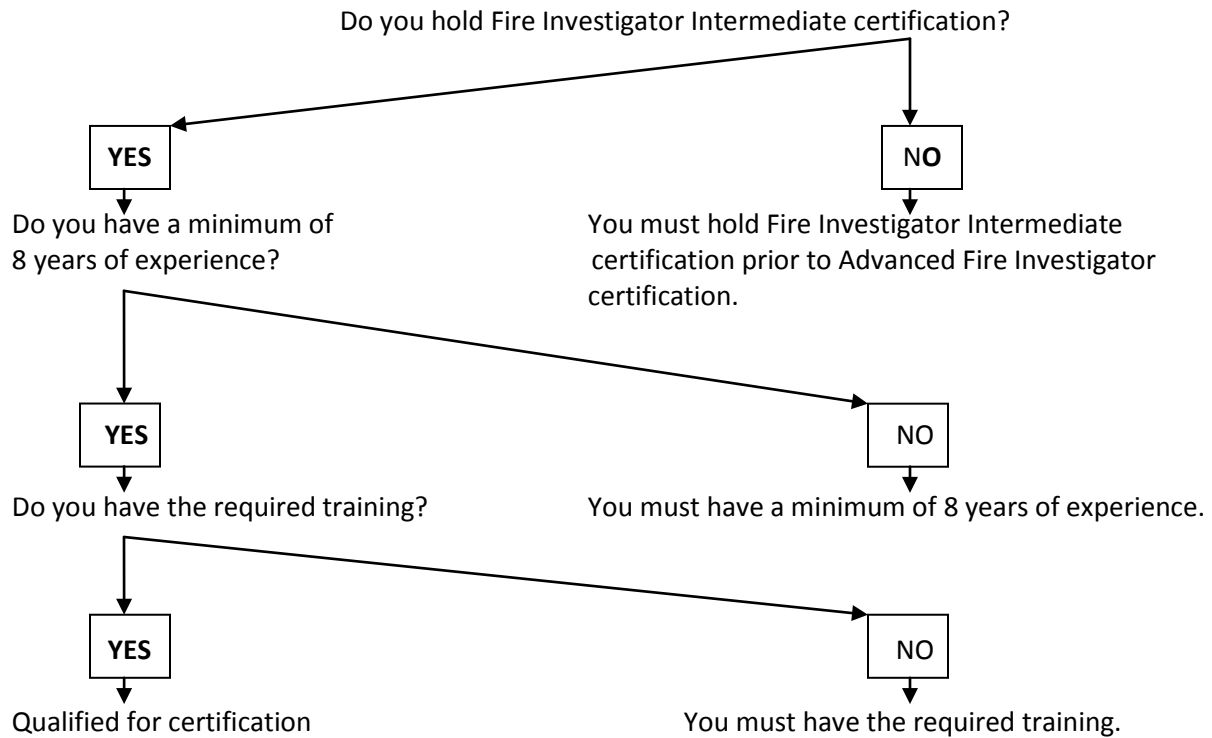
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## Certification Requirements for

### Fire Investigator

#### Advanced certification



#### Required Training for Intermediate Certification

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College – 6 semester hours of Fire Science **or**

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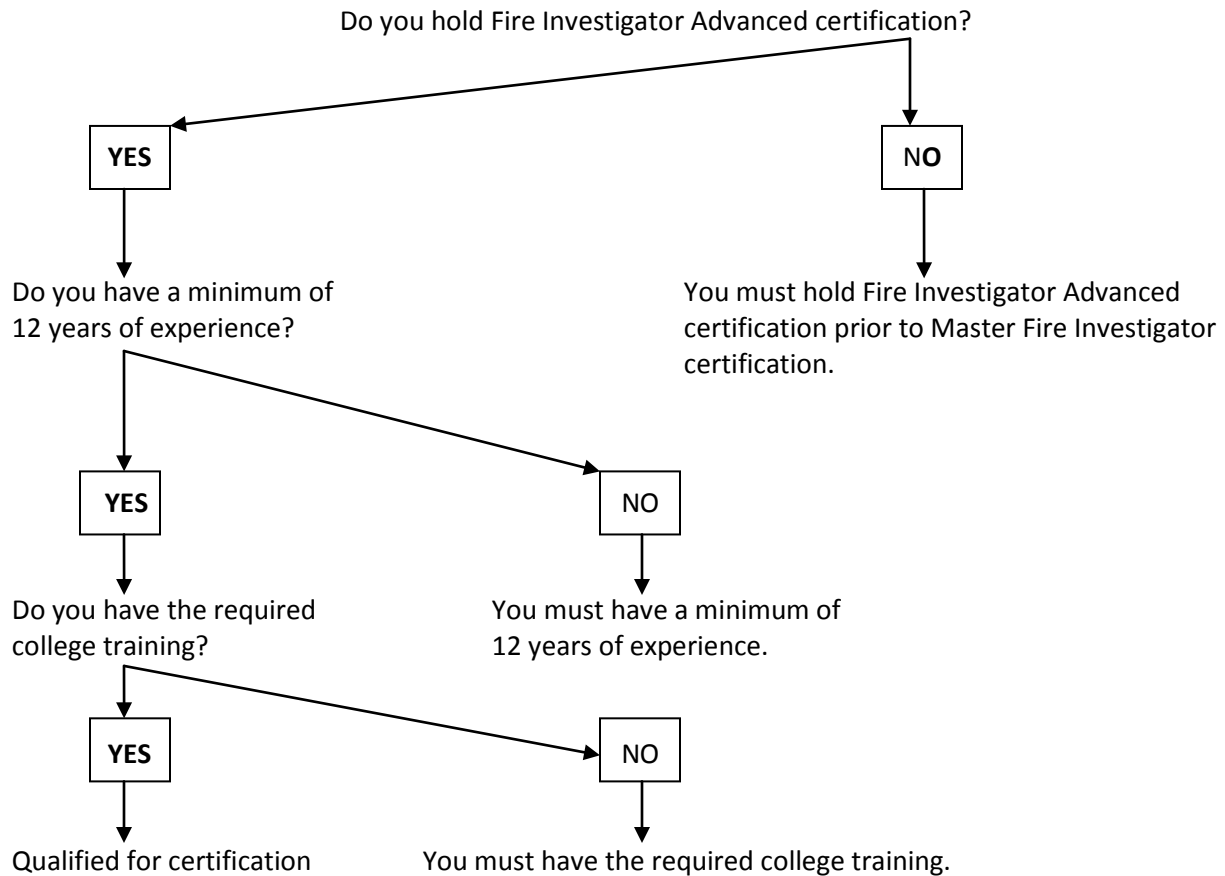
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Certification Requirements for

**Fire Investigator**

**Master certification**



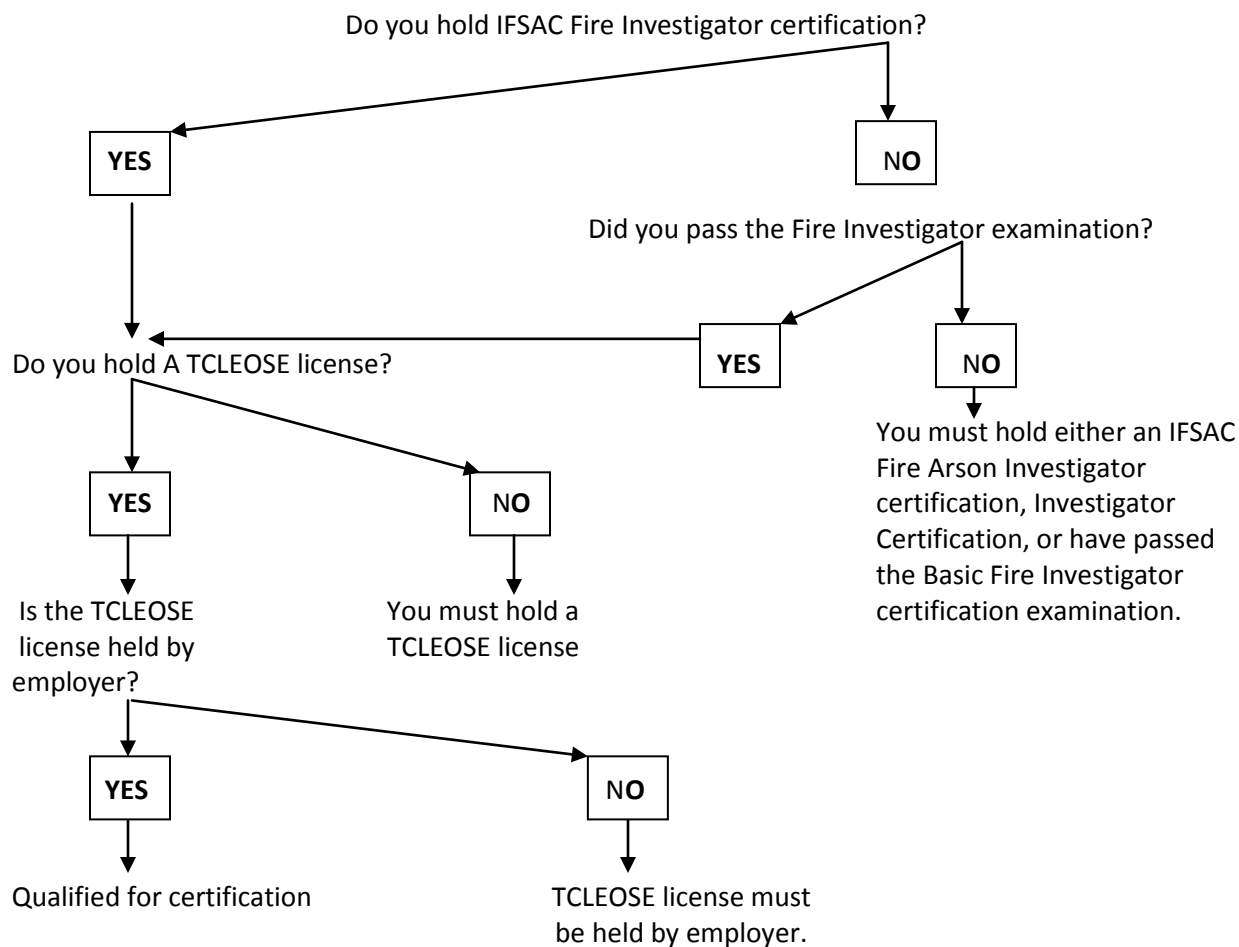
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Certification Requirements for

**Arson Investigator**

**Basic certification**

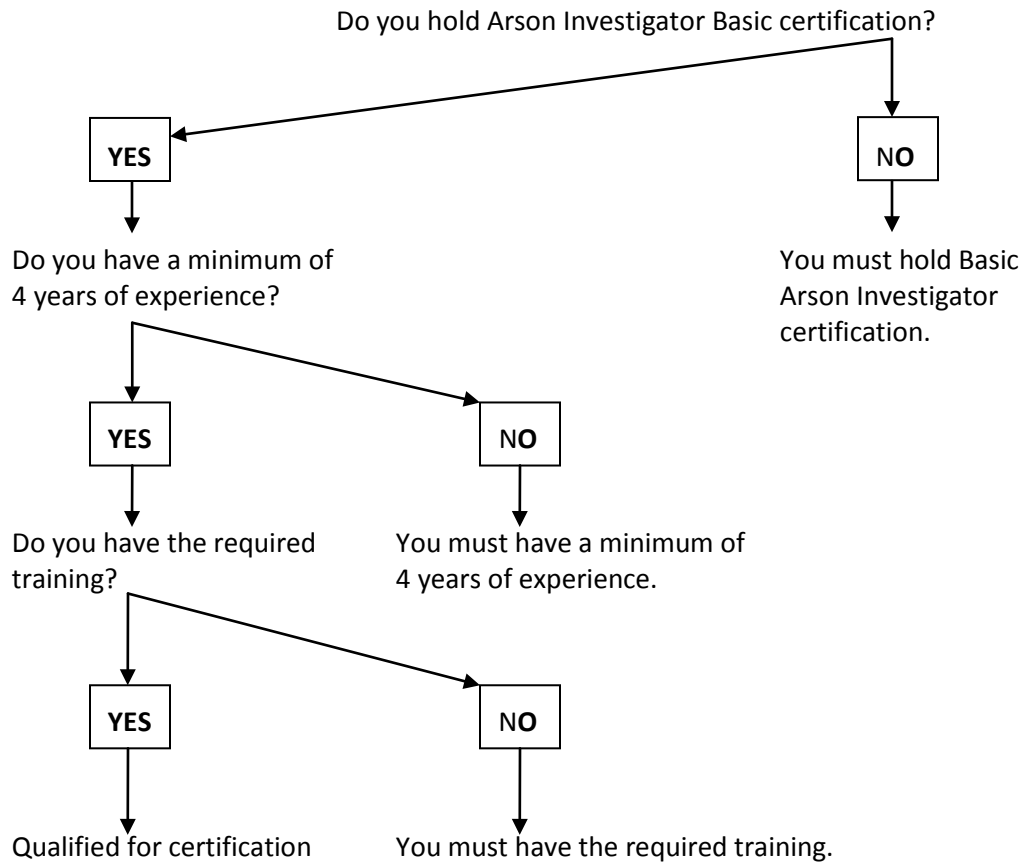


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## Certification Requirements for

### Arson Investigator

#### Intermediate certification



#### Required Training for Intermediate Certification

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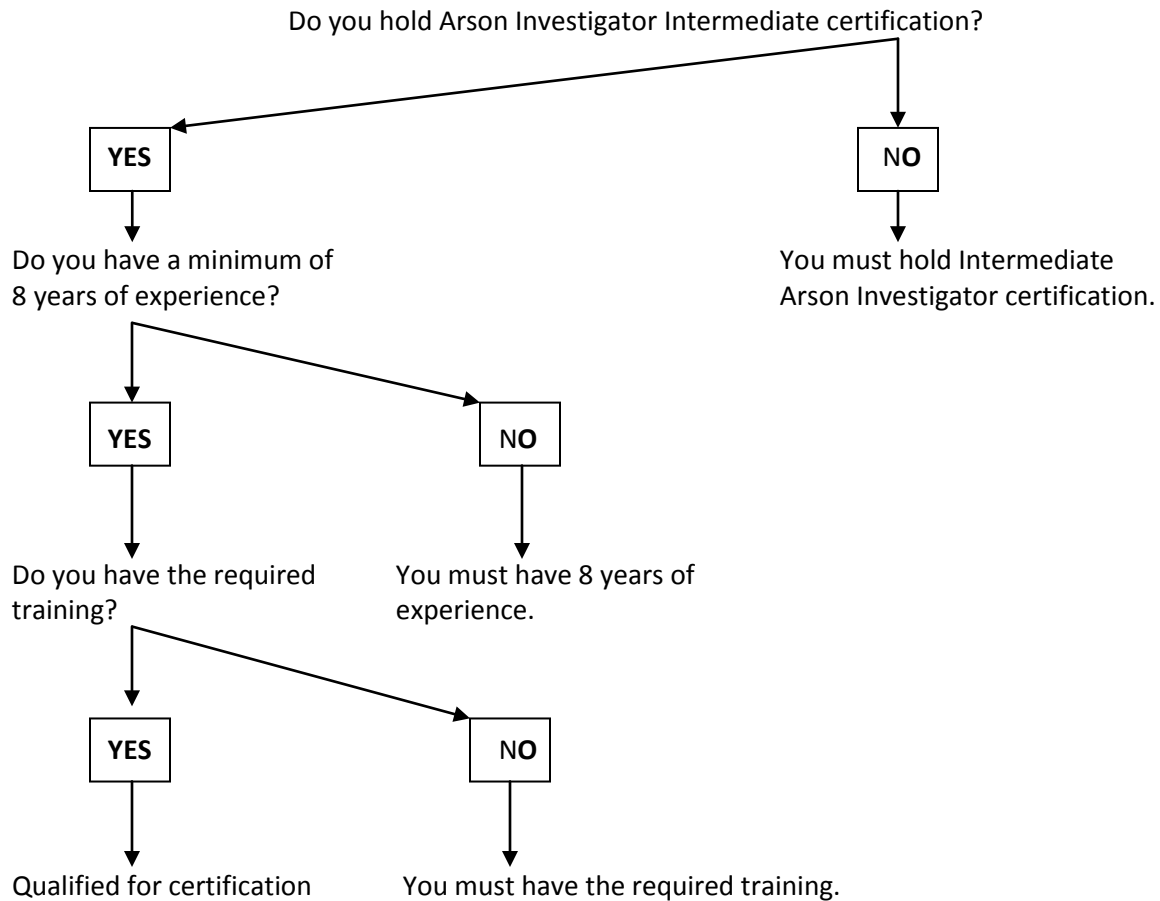
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Certification Requirements for

**Arson Investigator**

**Advanced certification**



**Required Training for Intermediate Certification**

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**Or combinations**

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1 A list class + 3 semester hours of Fire Science

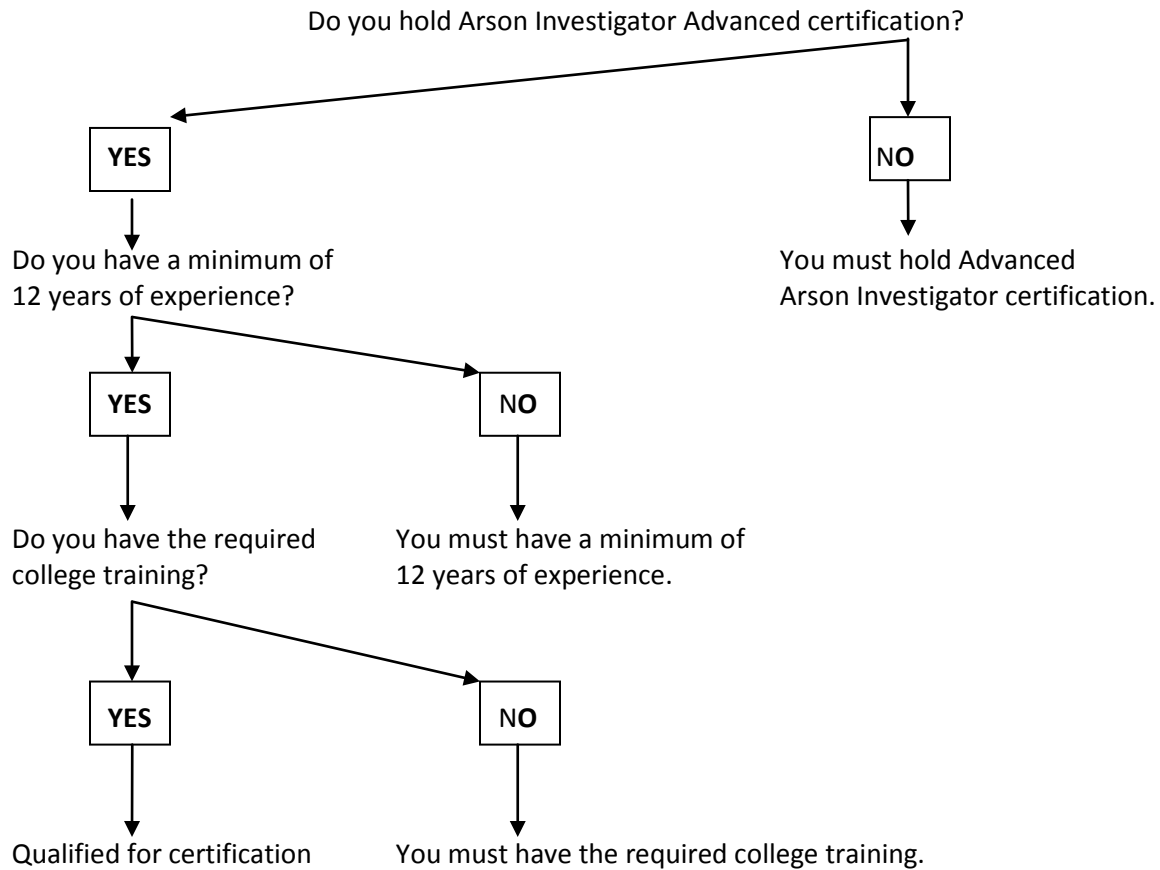
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Certification Requirements for

**Arson Investigator**

**Master certification**



**Required College Training for Master Certification**

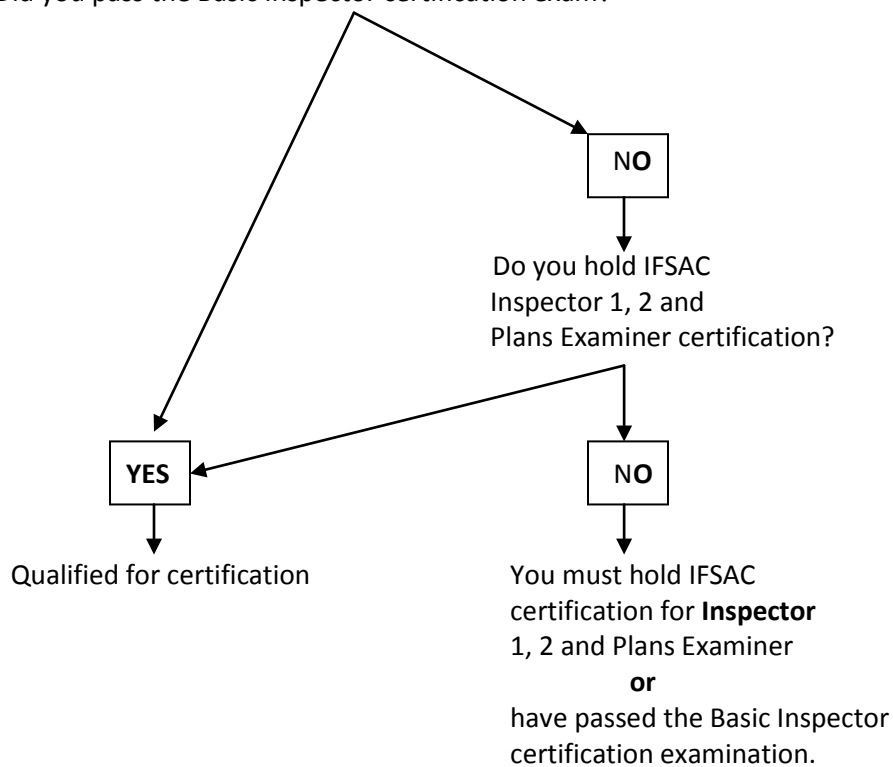
Minimum of 60 semester hours or an Associate Degree, which includes at least 18 semester hours in fire science subjects.

## Certification Requirements for

### Inspector

#### Basic certification

Did you pass the Basic Inspector certification exam?



For individuals seeking to qualify for higher levels of certification for the Fire Inspector discipline, only time in which you are both **certified** and **appointed** as a Fire Inspector will be counted.

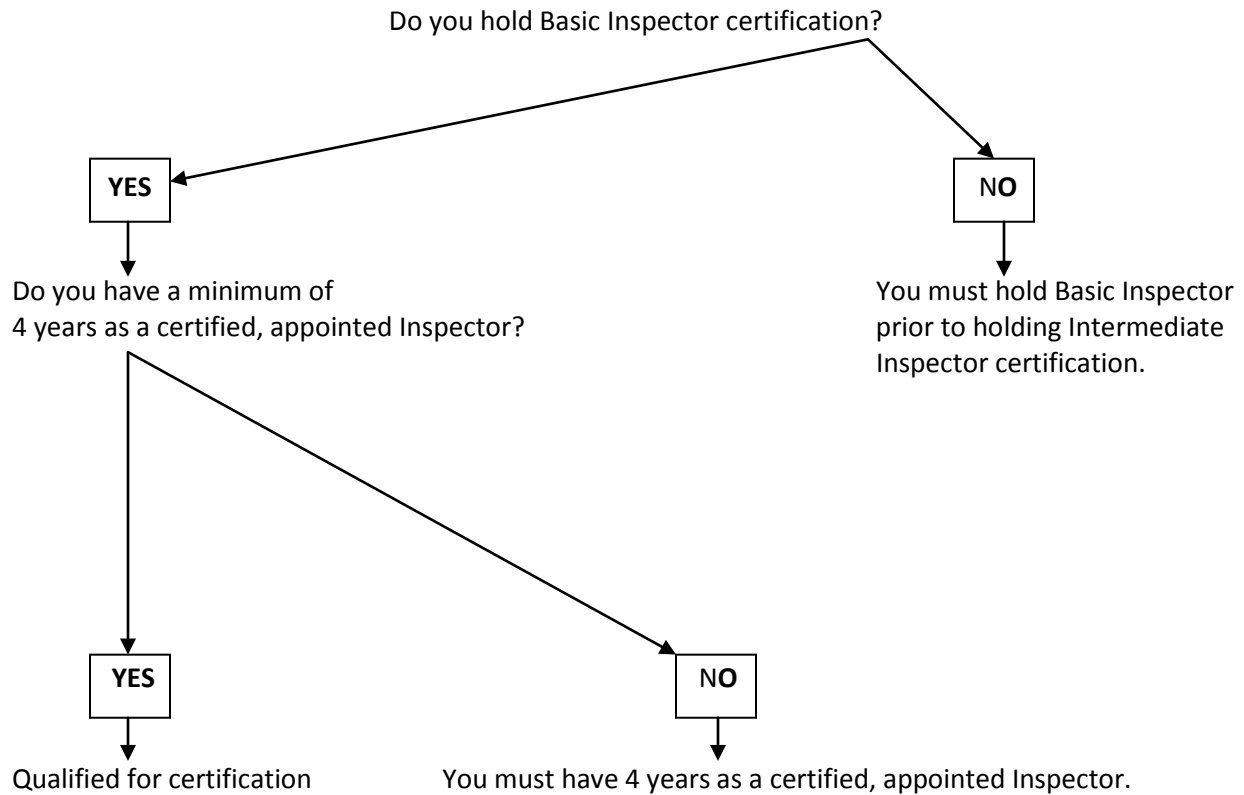
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## Certification Requirements for

### Inspector

#### Intermediate certification

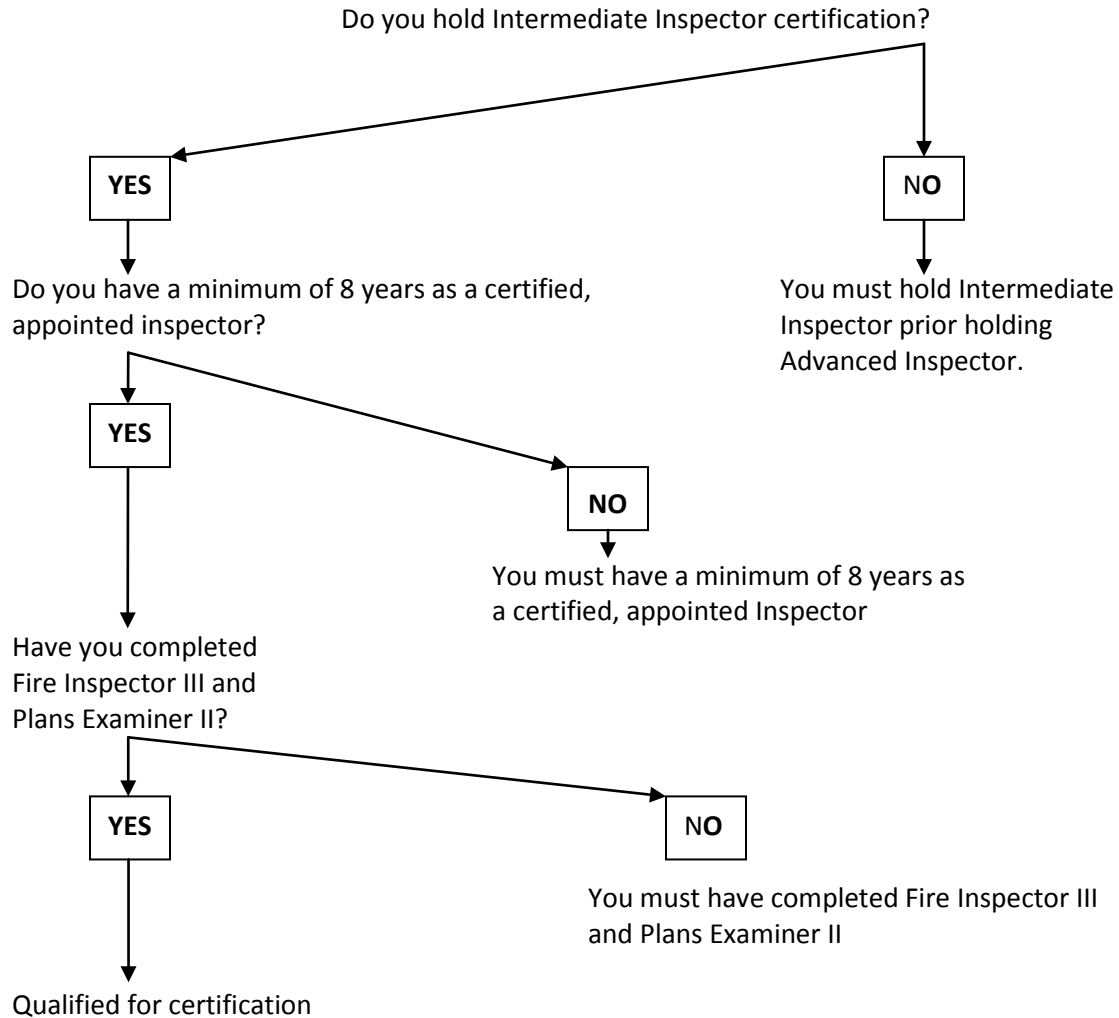


For individuals seeking to qualify for higher levels of certification for the Fire Inspector discipline, only time in which you are both **certified** and **appointed** as a Fire Inspector will be counted.

## Certification Requirements for

### Inspector

#### Advanced certification

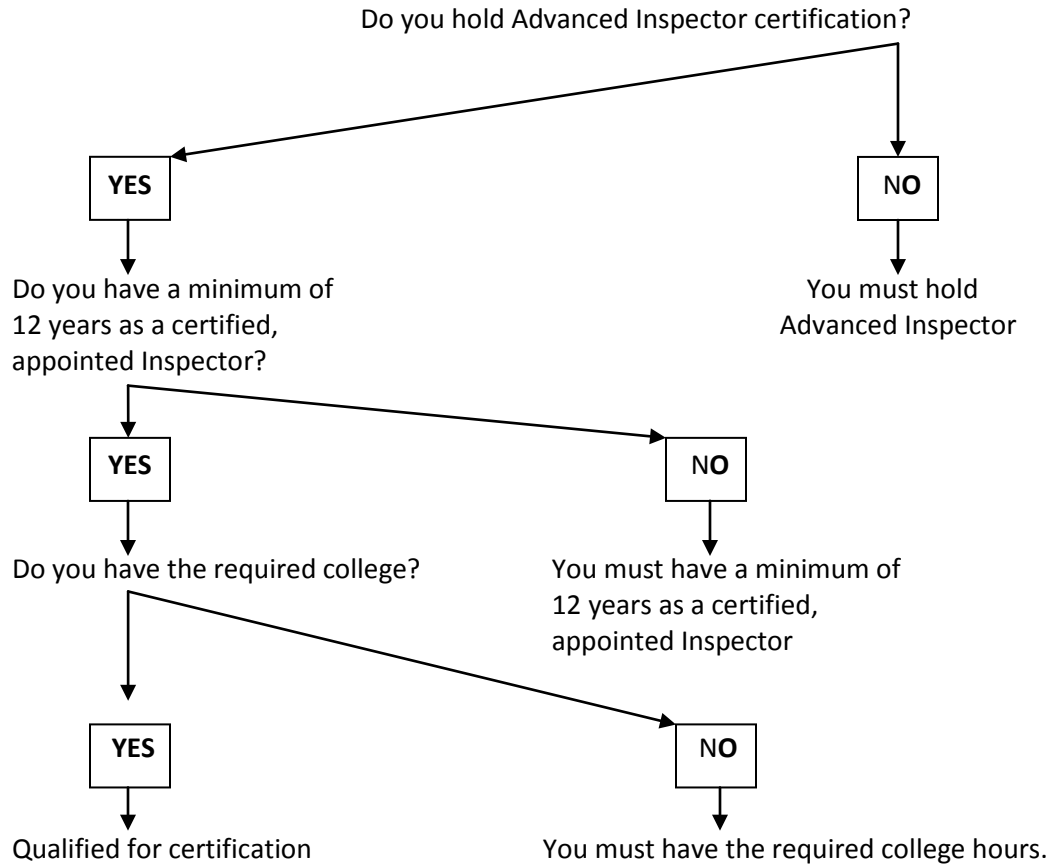


For individuals seeking to qualify for higher levels of certification for the Fire Inspector discipline, only time in which you are both **certified** and **appointed** as a **Fire Inspector** will be counted.

## Certification Requirements for

### Inspector

#### Master certification



#### Required College Training for Master Certification

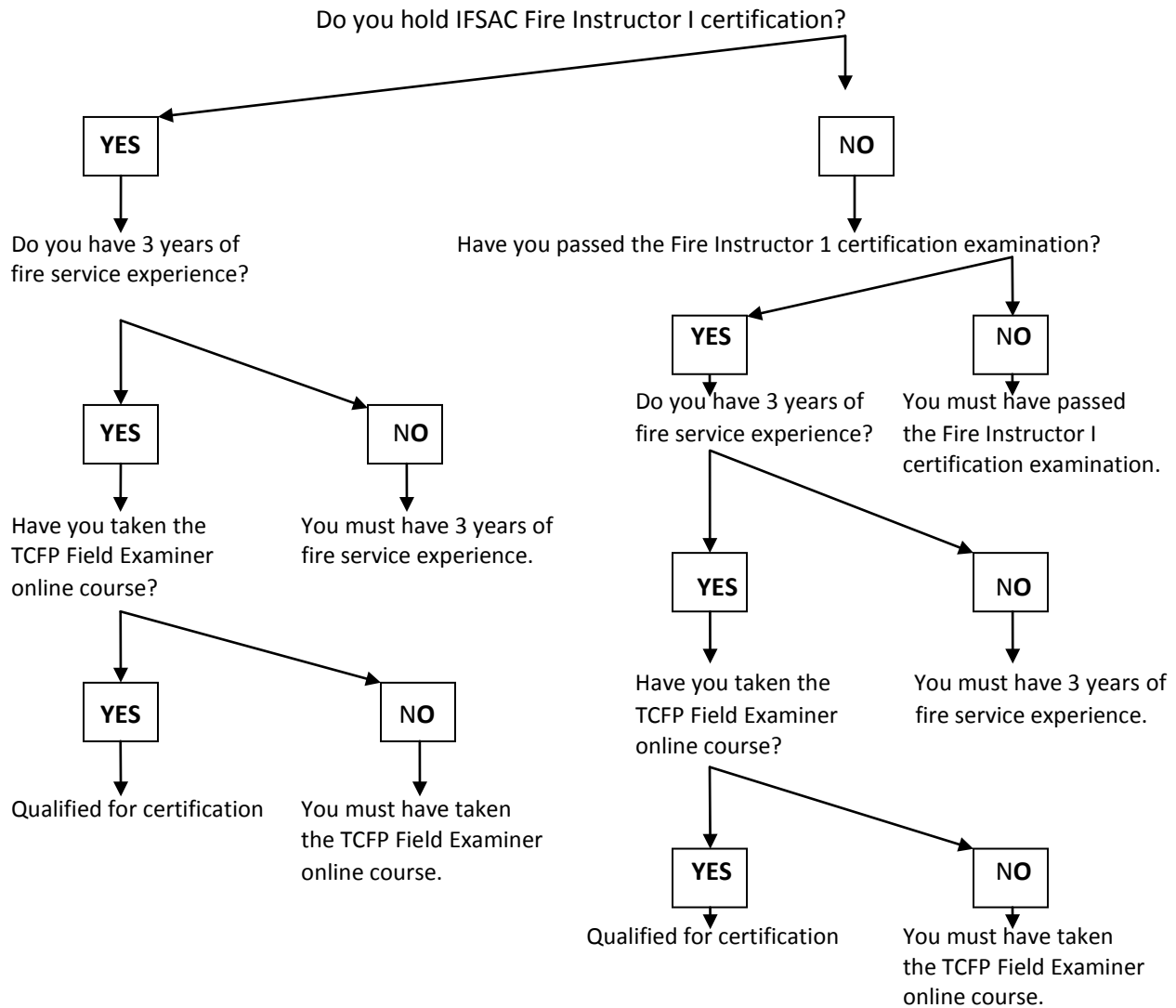
60 college semester hours or an Associate degree, which includes at least 18 semester hours in fire science subjects.

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## Certification Requirements for

### Fire Instructor I

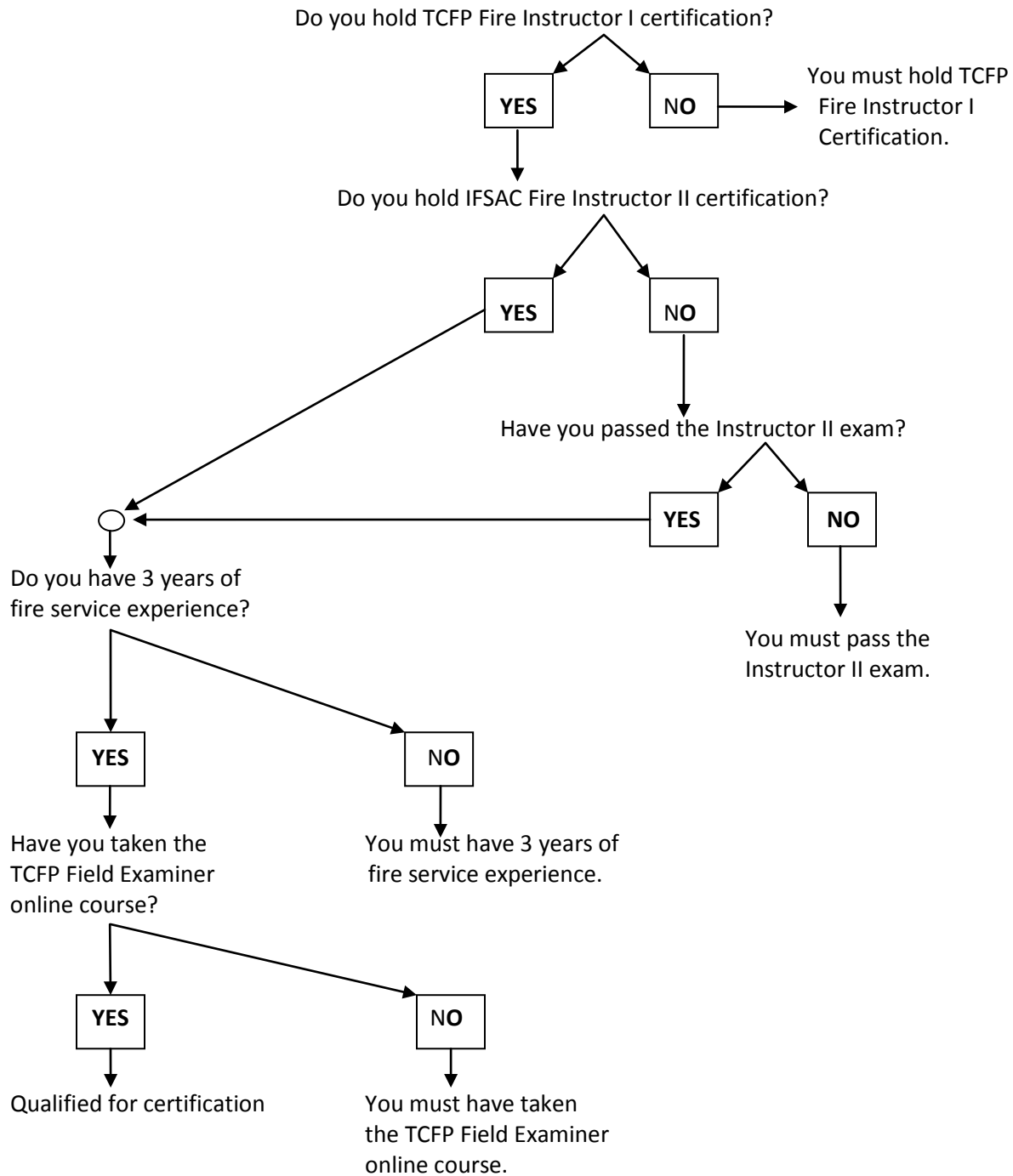
### Certification



## Certification Requirements for

### Fire Instructor II

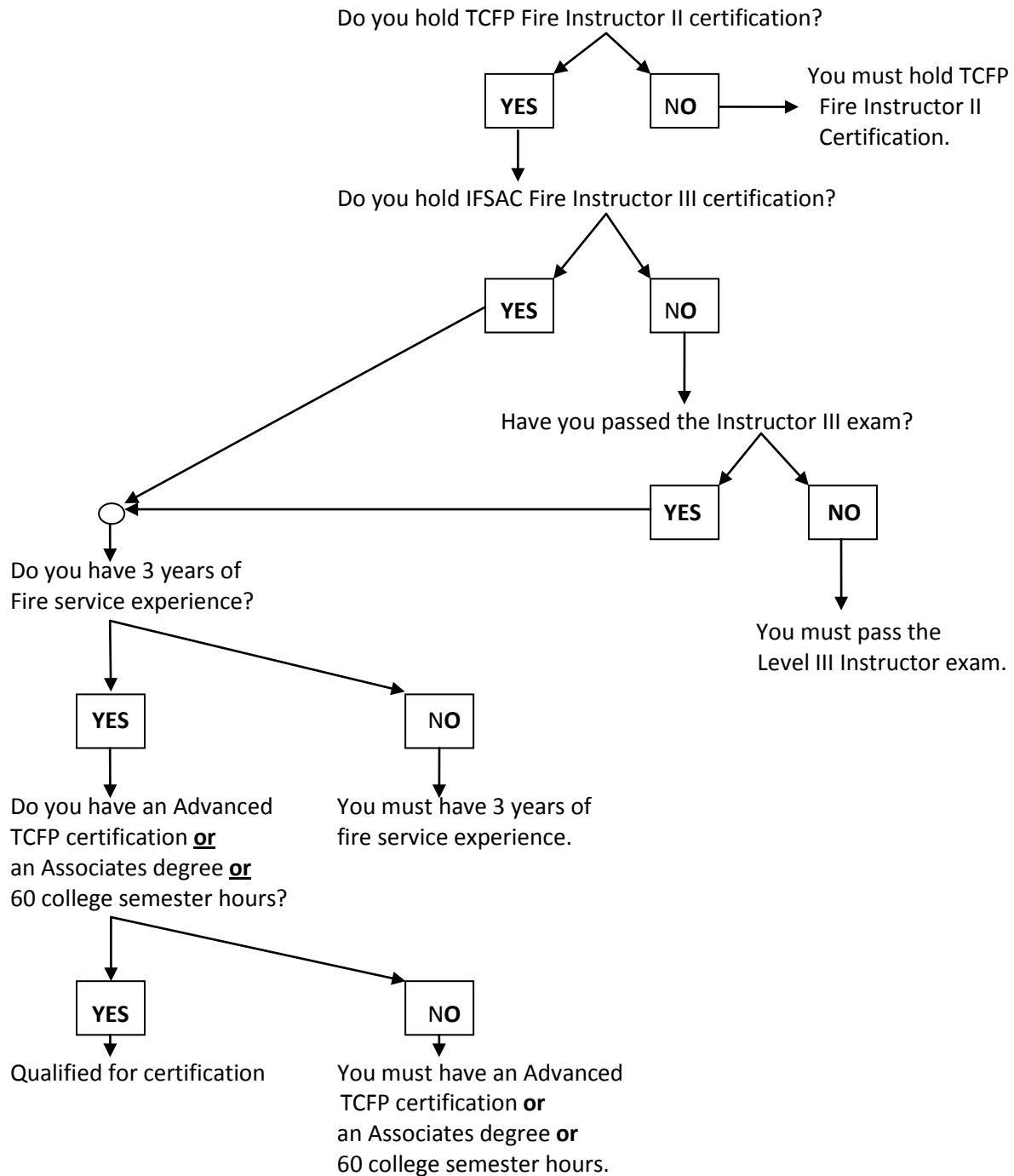
### Certification



## Certification Requirements for

### Fire Instructor III

#### Certification

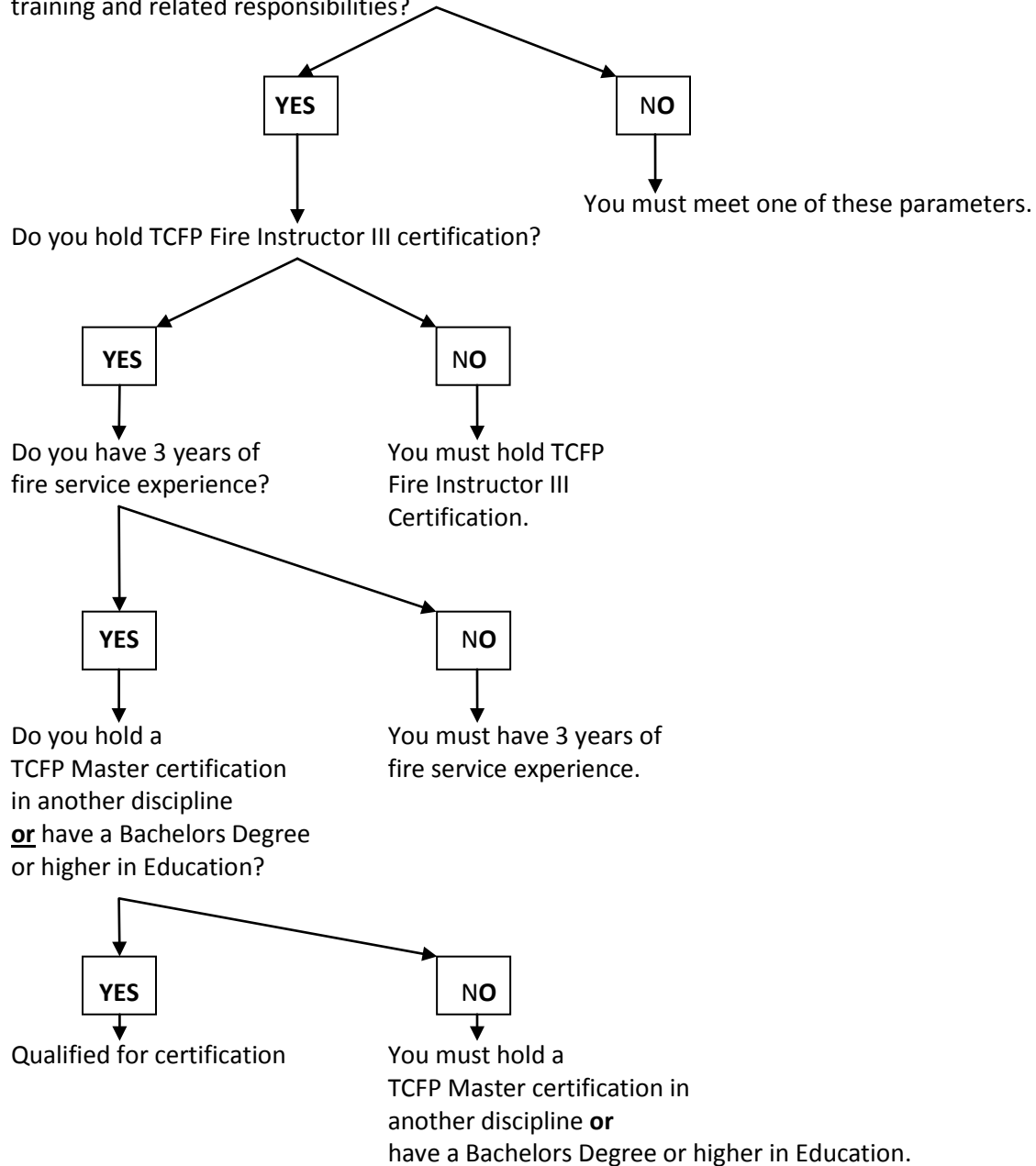


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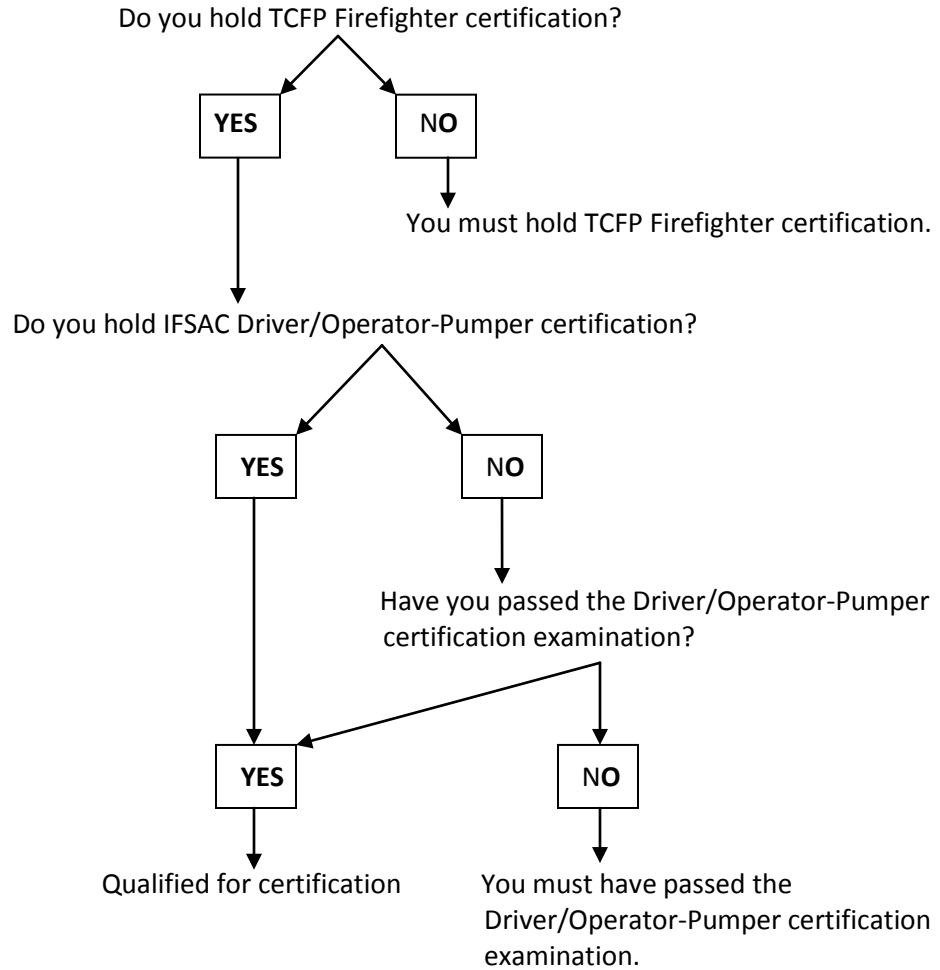
### Master Fire Instructor III

#### Certification

Are you a member of a paid, volunteer, or regulated non-governmental fire department, or a department of a state agency, education institution or political subdivision providing fire protection training and related responsibilities?



Certification Requirements for  
**Driver/Operator-Pumper certification**

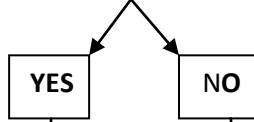




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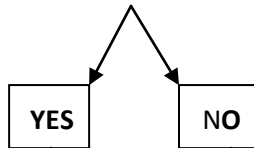
### Fire Officer I Certification

Do you hold TCFP Firefighter certification?



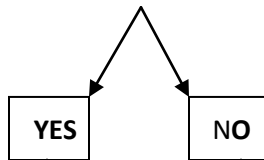
You must hold TCFP Firefighter certification.

Do you hold TCFP Instructor certification?

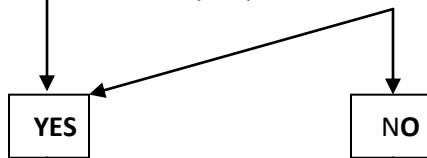


You must hold TCFP Instructor certification.

Do you hold IFSAC Fire Officer 1 certification?



Have you passed the Fire Officer I certification exam?



Qualified for certification

You must have passed the  
Fire Officer I certification exam.

## Certification Requirements for

### Fire Officer II Certification

Do you hold TCFP Fire Officer I certification?

YES

NO

You must hold TCFP Fire Officer I certification.

Do you hold IFSAC Fire Officer 2 certification?

YES

NO

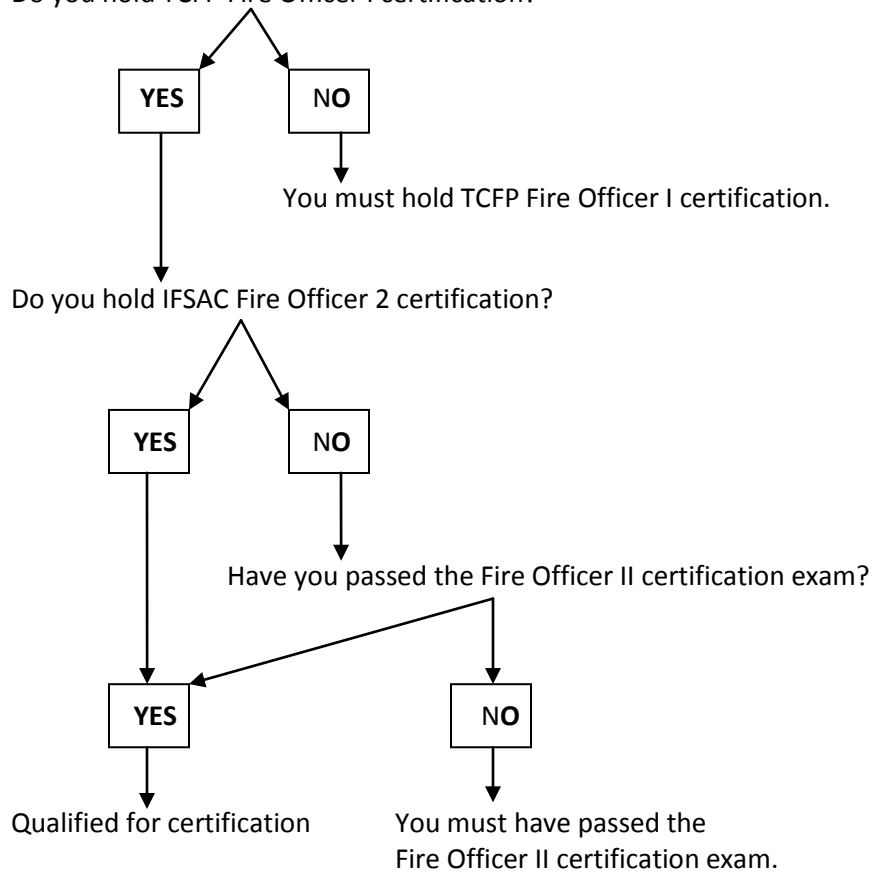
Have you passed the Fire Officer II certification exam?

YES

NO

Qualified for certification

You must have passed the  
Fire Officer II certification exam.



Certification Requirements for  
**Hazardous Materials Technician**

